(e) whether it is a fact that Murthy Committee's recommendation for increase in price of Betamathasone and its salts was wrong and without any basis; and

(f) if so, whether any study was made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) to (c) In the pharmaceutical sector, BICP conducts the cost-cum-technical studies of the bulk drugs for the purpose of price fixation. BICP is only a recommendatory body, and its recommendations are confidential in nature. The prices of Betamethasone and its salts as notified by the Government from time to time after DPCO, 1979 are given in the attached statement. (*See below*)

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Statement

Date of Notification	Betamethasone Alcohol Rs/Kg.	Betamethasone Valeorate Rs./Kg.	Betamethasone di-Sodium Sulphate Rs./Kg.
12-5-1981 . . .	113.34	105.81	126.23
20-11-1986 . . .	127.70	122.00	135.00
2-1-1989 . . .	144.19	136.58	144.58
9-10-1991 . . .	149.42	143.31	149.21
28-10-1992 . . .	164.89	164.29	Exempted from price control on the basis of R&D.

Adverse impact of new pricing policy on indigenous fertilizer units

531. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : SHRI N.E. BALARAM :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the new pricing policy for fertilizers has adverse impact on the indigenous fertilizer manufacturing units; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what steps are being taken/proposed to be taken to protect the interest of the indigenous fertilizer manufacturers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) and (b) Government have, in recent past, taken measures to provide relief to the fertilizer industry. These measures are —abolition of customs duty on import of capital goods for setting up of new plants and for renovation of old plants, abolition of customs duty on imported phosphoric acid, availability of foreign exchange at official rate for import of raw materials/intermediates for manufacture of DAP and complex fertilizers, etc.

532. [*Transferred to the 4th December, 1992*]

533. [*Transferred to the 4th December, 1992*]

New fertilizer units

534. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up five new fertilizer units during the 8th Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the broad features of the programme indicating the cost, location of plants, and additional capacity to be installed, itemwise;

(c) the steps being taken in that directions; and

(d) whether any NRI and Foreign Collaboration Project has submitted their proposals; if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) to (c) The following fertilizer projects are being set up or likely to come up during the Eighth Five Year Plan, indicating their production capacity, likely investment, location and present status :

Sl. No.	Name of the Plant	Production Capacity		Estimated cost (Rs. /crores)	Location	Status
		Amonia (tonnes/day)	Urea (tonnes/day)			
1.	Babrala Fertilizer Project	1350	2250	About 1250.0	Distt. Badaun (U.P.)	Under Implementation
2.	Gadepan Fertilizer Project	1350	2250	About 1267.0	Gadepan (Rajasthan)	Under Implementation
3.	Shahjahanpur	1350	2200	Now estimated by promoters at about Rs.1225 crores as against estimated cost of Rs. 695 crores as indicated in their Letter of Intent.	Shahjahanpur (U. P.)	Under Implementation
4.	Vijaipur Expansion	1350	2200	985.0	Distt. Guna (M. P.)	Detailed Project Report Prepared.
5.	Aonla Expansion	1350	2200	1097.0	Distt. Bareilly (U. P.)	Deatiled Poject Report prepared.
6.	Small size fertilzer project	450	780	400.0	Andhra Pradesh (Krishna—Godavari Basin)	Promoter to be identified.

(d) One proposal has been received with NRI as a co-promoter for a fertilizer project in Tripura. However, there is no gas allocation for this project. No foreign collaboration proposal has been received.

Subsidy on fertilizers

535. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the annual consumption of various types of chemical fertilizers in the country ?

(b) what is per ton reduction or abolition of subsidy on fertilizers of different categories and the total amount saved therefrom by Government so far;

(c) whether consumption of fertilizers has been affected by withdrawal or reduction of subsidy, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the estimated amount of subsidy in the current year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) All India product-wise and nutrient-wise consumption of fertilizers for the year 1991-92 has been given in the statement attached. (*see below*)

(b) All phosphatic and potassic fertilizers were removed from price and movement control w.e.f. 25th August, 1992. The total amount saved due to de-control of the above fertilizers would be approximately Rs. 2000 crores for 1992-93. However, due to 10% reduction in the price of Urea and reintroduction of subsidy on low analysis nitrogenous fertilizers w.e.f. 25-8-1992, the subsidy outgo on nitrogenous fertilizers would be higher during the current year.

(c) Firm estimates in this regard are yet to be received from the State Governments.

(d) There is a budget provision of Rs. 5000 crores for subsidy on fertilizers during the current year.

Statement

All India Product-wise and Nutrient-wise Consumption of Fertilizers for the year 1991-92

(Lakh Tonnes)

Sr. No.	Product	Kharif	Rabi	Total
1.	Urea	64.44	75.60	140.04
2.	A/S	2.32	2.55	4.87
3.	A/C	0.39	0.47	0.86
4.	CAN	1.82	2.18	4.00
5.	DAP	18.87	26.30	45.17
6.	SSP	17.67	13.98	31.65
7.	Rock. Phos.	0.62	0.59	1.21
8.	Complexes	15.77	16.33	32.10
9.	MOP	8.44	8.57	17.01
10.	SOP	0.14	0.07	0.21
	TOTAL PRODUCT:	130.48	146.64	277.12
	Nutrients			
	N	36.87	43.59	80.46
	P	15.29	17.92	33.21
	K	6.78	6.83	13.61
	TOTAL	58.94	68.34	127.28